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2003 'Native America Speaks' Program

WEST GLACIER, MONT. -- Glacier National Park will continue to offer programs this summer that educate park visitors about local Indian culture. The popular "Native America Speaks" program returns for its 22nd season. The campfire talks allow for discussion of the beliefs, stories, and customs of the Blackfeet, Kootenai and Salish cultures.

This season's Native American speakers include: **Jack Gladstone**, a Grammy-nominated Blackfeet singer/songwriter from East Glacier/Kalispell; **Darrell Norman**, a Blackfeet artist and historian from Browning; **Curly Bear Wagner**, a Blackfeet from Browning; **Kenneth Eagle Speaker**, a Blood from Ft. McCloud, Canada, and **Ernie Heavy Runner**, a Blackfeet singer/songwriter from Browning.

These programs take place at the Apgar Campground and Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium on the west side of the park, and the Many Glacier, Rising Sun and Two Medicine Campgrounds on the east side. The programs all start at 8 p.m. and last about 45 minutes. Beginning August 26th, programs will start at 7:30 p.m. The complete "Native America Speaks" schedule is attached.

Jack Gladstone, a Blackfeet singer/songwriter, will also present his popular "Native Reflections" program, which uses slides and live music to discuss and honor Native American contributions to American culture. The "Native Reflections" programs take place at the **Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: July 11, 15 and 18; August 1, 8, 12, 15, 22 and 29; and September 1.** The program will be performed at the **St. Mary Visitor Center on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. on July 12 and 19 and August 2, 16 and 23.**

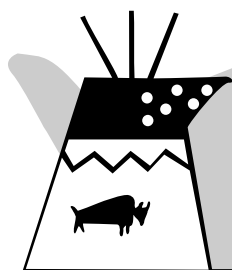
The **Ray Croff Drummers and Dancers**, along with narrator **Joe McKay**, will perform the popular contemporary and traditional Blackfeet dancing and drumming demonstrations at **St. Mary Visitor Center** again this year. These performances begin at **8 p.m. on June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; and August 6 and 13.**



Gen Huitt, a Pend O'Reille singer/songwriter from St. Paul, Minnesota, will perform a special presentation at **Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium on July 4 and 5 at 8:30 p.m.**

All of the Native American interpretive programs are made possible through a generous donation from the Glacier Natural History Association. The association is authorized by the National Park Service to sell educational materials and publications in the park visitor centers and ranger stations. Each year the association contributes a generous portion of their revenue to the park to support interpretive and educational programming.

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Native America Speaks

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Date	Speaker	Location	Time
June 24	Curly Bear Wagner	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
June 25	Kenneth Eagle Speaker	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
June 26	Darrell Norman	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
July 1	Kenneth Eagle Speaker	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
July 2	Jack Gladstone	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
July 3	Jack Gladstone	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
July 8	Jack Gladstone	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
July 9	Kenneth Eagle Speaker	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
July 10	Ernie Heavy Runner	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
July 15	Curly Bear Wagner	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
July 16	Darrell Norman	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
July 17	Jack Gladstone	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
July 22	Curly Bear Wagner	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
July 23	Kenneth Eagle Speaker	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
July 24	Curly Bear Wagner	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
July 29	Jack Gladstone	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
July 30	Kenneth Eagle Speaker	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
Aug 31	Darrell Norman	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
Aug 5	Jack Gladstone	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
Aug 6	Jack Gladstone	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
Aug 7	Curly Bear Wagner	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
Aug 12	Darrell Norman	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
Aug 13	Kenneth Eagle Speaker	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
Aug 14	Curly Bear Wagner	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
Aug 19	Jack Gladstone	Many Glacier	8:00 pm
Aug 20	Darrell Norman	Two Medicine	8:00 pm
Aug 21	Kenneth Eagle Speaker	Rising Sun	8:00 pm
Aug 26	Ernie Heavy Runner	Many Glacier	7:30 pm
Aug 27	Darrell Norman	Two Medicine	7:30 pm
Aug 28	Curly Bear Wagner	Rising Sun	7:30 pm
Sept 2	Darrell Norman	Many Glacier	7:30 pm
Sept 3	Ernie Heavy Runner	Two Medicine	7:30 pm
Sept 4	Kenneth Eagle Speaker	Rising Sun	7:30 pm